

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Indians Evacuated from War-Torn States
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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- (a) the number of Indians who have been evacuated from the war-torn States of middle eastern region over the past one year;
- (b) whether any foreign nationals were also evacuated by the Indian Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has received acknowledgement from foreign countries for helping their nationals and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of other humanitarian efforts taken by the Government to extend support to the peoples of these war-torn nations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) As per available information, 31 Indians were evacuated/ repatriated from the Yemen in the West Asia region; 65 Indians from Libya and 153 Indians from South Sudan in the North Africa region over the past one year.

(b) to (d) 2 Nepalese nationals were evacuated along with the Indian nationals from South Sudan in the North Africa region last year. Besides, India assisted 1,962 foreign nationals of 48 countries in evacuation from Yemen during March-April, 2015. The assistance extended by India in facilitating the return of these foreign nationals received deep appreciation and acknowledgement by the international community and foreign governments.

(e) The Government attaches the highest priority to the safety, security and welfare of Indians in foreign countries and continues to keep a close watch on developments in these countries and issues advisories whenever required. Indian Missions and Posts abroad also render all possible consular assistance to the Indian nationals, including emergency medical care, facilitating boarding and lodging for those in distress, air passages to those stranded, repatriation of mortal remains, initial legal assistance in deserving cases, in conflict torn countries.